GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Procurement of Pulses from Abroad
Kothapalli Smt. Geetha

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is mulling any proposal to procure pulses from abroad to meet the deficit in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the production, demand and procurement of pulses from abroad during the ensuing year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. The production of pulses varies in the range of 17-19.5 million tonnes while demand for 2016-17 is estimated at 24.61 million tones. The deficit in domestic supply is met through imports primarily under private trade. However, in the ensuing year, Government will also import pulses, the quantum of which will depend upon the availability and prices of pulses; both domestic and global.

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